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REPORT
OF THE
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OF THE
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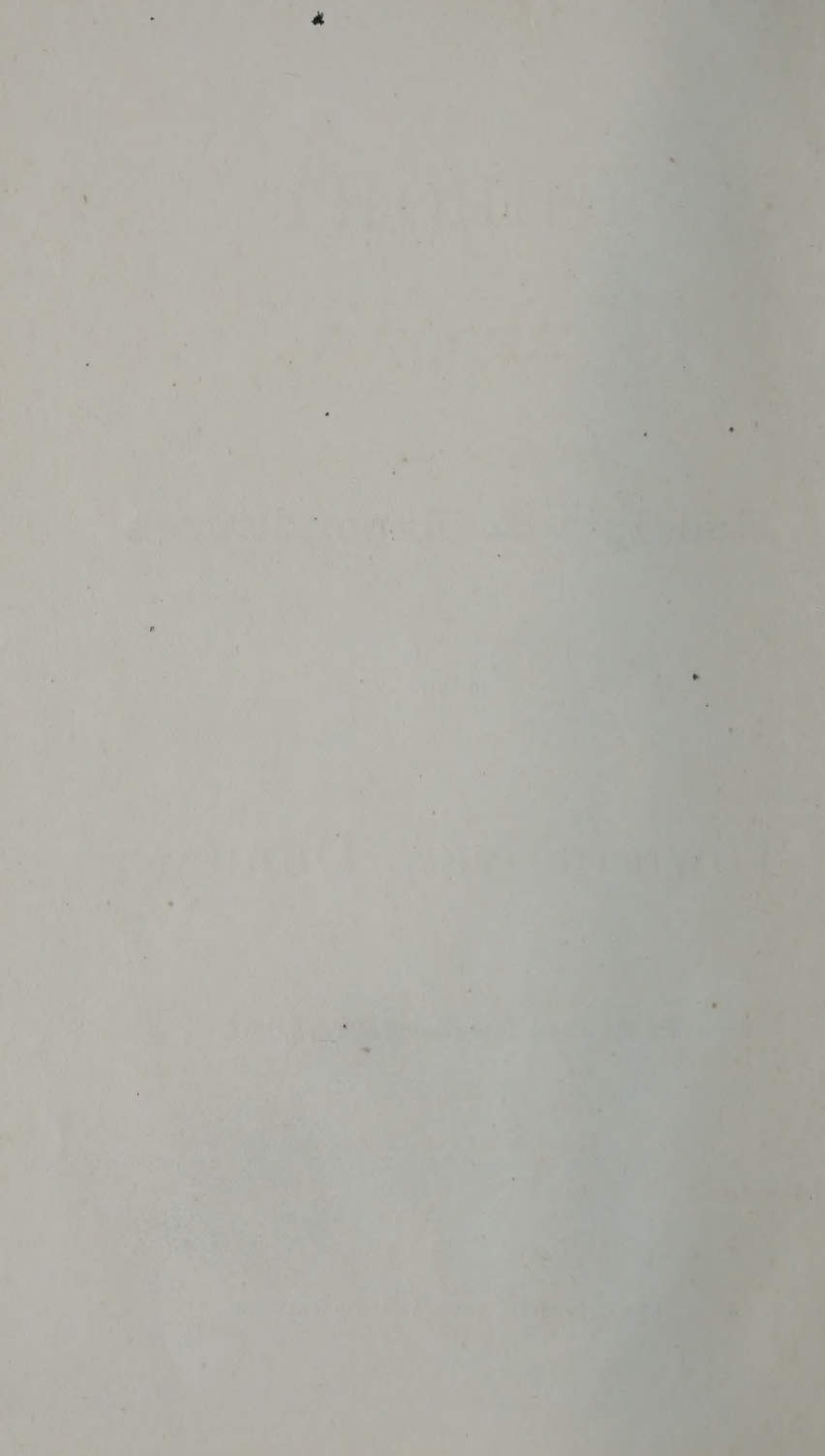
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Receipts into the Treasury.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1874,	\$2016 21
Received of Clara J. Runnals, money hired,	1300 00
G. S. Gilman, interest on C. Bickford's note, held	
as cash,	89 91
" error in Elihu Hayes pauper account	
of 1873,	19 50
I. S. Ricker, money hired,	408 38
John L. Cooley, "	200 00
Abra K. Cooley, "	150 00
Benj. Whitehouse, "	200 00
Thomas Brackett,	150 00
Horatio G. Chamberlin,	300 00
George E. Furber,	100 00
J. A. Cloutman, note and interest,	87 72
S. F. Chamberlin, money hired,	50 00
State Treasurer,	
Savings Bank tax,	468 74
Railroad tax,	67 18
Literary fund,	92 66
U. S. bounty,	128 00
N. L. Proctor, money hired,	750 00
J. W. Hurd, "	100,00
Sarah E. Griffiths, "	3000 00
Strafford County,	163 60
Elihu Hayes, error in last year's account,	30 00
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	\$9871 90

Receipts into the Treasury.

Received of I. P. Berry, Collector, interest on taxes for 1873,	\$163 85
Addie F. Joy, money hired,	470 00
Georgiana O. Berry, "	500 00
I. P. Berry, Collector on tax list of 1873,	6495 48
" " " 1874,	6540 56
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Total,	\$24041 77

Dog Damage.

Russell R. Miller,	\$5 00
J. Morrison	40 00
C. Bickford,	18 00
J. F. Glidden,	7 00
J. L. Jones,	6 00
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	\$76 00

School Bills.

Paid District No. 1,	\$67 72
" 2,	85 67
" 3,	85 04
" 4,	53 76
" 5,	147 27
" 6,	108 51
" 7,	82 55
" 8,	56 33
" 9,	76 48
" 10,	39 69
" 11,	54 36
" 12,	45 39
" 13,	90 33
" 14,	97 87
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	\$1080 87

State and County Tax.

State tax,	\$800 00
County tax,	739 30
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	\$1539 30

Highways and Bridges.

Paid S. Langley,	\$2 40
J. Brooks,	3 00
P. C. Ham, labor of O. Coburn on Downing's bridge in 1871,	3 78
P. C. Ham, " Alfred I. Willey on " "	6 00
T. N. Davis, labor on Berry bridge,	9 17
G. F. Davis, " "	5 00
J. Davis, Jr., " "	4 77
J. B. Davis, " "	1 67
E. Hayes, " "	7 85
" plank for "	24 00
B. C. Perkins, extra labor,	12 50
W. T. Rines, " "	2 48
O. B. Coburn,	12 00
" covering bridge with stone,	25 00
A. Colomy, extra labor,	5 10

Paid S. Langley,	"	21 19
T. Brackett,	"	5 48
C. Bickford,	"	10 00
J. H. Downing & Co., bridge plank,		71 76
J. Durgin, extra labor		14 40
W. Towle,	"	10 50
J. H. Downing & Co., bridge plank,		37 40
H. W. Edgerly, iron work for railing Hayes bridge,		5 85
J. H. Towle extra labor,		2 87
J. B. Witham,	"	9 85
H. G. Chamberlin,	"	1 36
I. F. Hayes,	"	85
L. M. Glidden,	"	1 15
A. Colomy,	"	40 80
W. T. Rines,	"	10 00
F. P. Howe,	"	3 40
J. Y. Berry,	"	17 00
J. Kimball,	"	1 70
S. Mitchell,	"	18 42
J. F. Mitchell,	"	7 08
M. L. Hayes,	"	2 00
J. B. Witham,	"	3 21
"	stringers for bridge,	4 50
R. H. Dophana, extra labor,		7 00
O. B. Coburn,	"	6 80
E. Jenkins, bridge plank,		13 00
F. W. Coburn, extra labor,		7 80
"	hauling bridge plank and repairing bridge,	2 25
R. Miller,		4 75
J. A. Miller, bridge plank,		3 04
R. R. Miller,		4 25
G. F. Jones, spikes for bridge,		1 74
J. Edgerly,		80
Eben E. Berry, extra labor on highway,		30 00
Caleb R. Runnals,		1 67
Amount of taxes worked out in 1874,		1131 09
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		\$1639 68

Breaking out Roads.

Paid B. Grace,	\$16 83
T. W. Perkins,	16 00
J. F. Glidden,	4 00
"	16 20
S. Langley,	54 49
H. Boston,	5 00
E. H. Evans,	12 80
J. P. Rollins,	4 80
G. Pierce,	23 39
R. Yeaton,	25 00

Paid J. Bummett,	4 73
E. M. Rines,	4 60
M. Edgerly,	1 10
A. Maddox,	1 90
P. M. Runnals,	6 80
A. C. Rines,	19 40
J. M. Boody,	13 00
J. Elkins,	1 00
S. F. Chamberlin,	31 80
H. G. Chamberlin,	24 00
J. L. Gleason,	15 90
G. Boston,	20 40
W. T. Rines,	17 20
E. Durgin,	11 40
J. W. Durgin,	2 70
J. G. Stillings,	1 60
C. H. Dearborn,	15 20
J. L. Jones,	19 60
S. Pinkham,	9 80
George Boston,	16 20
S. Dame,	3 50
Henry G. Chamberlin,	16 40
S. W. Joy,	19 60
H. Rines,	11 90
Henry Boston,	21 00
John Heid,	15 00
S. Mitchell,	7 00
J. F. Mitchell,	6 20
S. F. Gray,	9 40
W. S. Gray,	2 80
A. B. Tibbetts,	4 00
C. J. Tibbetts,	2 40
S. C. Tibbetts,	7 34
L. R. Sumner,	8 74
W. S. Sumner,	9 20
S. T. H. Runnals,	55
T. Ricker,	1 20
P. M. Runnals,	4 20
E. Hayes,	40
B. B. Tibbetts,	9 25
W. W. Pinkham,	4 40
J. Hill,	1 05
J. S. Hurd,	1 20
M. Berry,	5 50
E. H. Berry,	3 65
L. A. Johnson,	7 40
J. Johnson,	3 83
T. Mitchell,	3 60
D. Lucas,	5 80
M. H. Chesley,	11 50
T. D. Chamberlin,	18 25
Henry E. Chamberlin,	34 00

Paid E. Stanton,	29 15
W. Towle,	1 80
C. H. Rines,	18 30
J. A. Jackson,	7 40
J. S. Colbath,	23 92
I. P. Berry,	4 80
I. P. Samson,	17 20
W. H. Pinkham,	6 00
G. F. Davis,	5 00
T. N. Davis,	9 85
J. Davis,	6 40
J. B. Davis,	6 70
H. Berry,	8 40
J. C. Davis,	5 00
J. F. Tash,	3 67
B. C. Perkins,	47 80
B. F. Perkins,	12 80
M. A. Chesley,	5 00
L. F. French,	19 93
J. Edgerly,	80
John H. Duston,	5 20
J. Corson,	14 32
T. Brackett,	4 10
A. Brackett,	2 10
J. Brackett,	1 70
J. P. Rollins,	2 60
Z. Evans,	1 20
B. Randall,	20 65
E. B. Stillings,	8 50
J. A. Fletcher,	6 24
A. C. Shaw,	2 10
C. Brooks,	12 90
D. Furbush,	4 17
S. Davis,	7 77
E. H. Roberts,	6 82
W. Hayes,	3 30
J. H. Downing & Co.,	11 10
S. Willey,	18 30
J. Durgin,	4 08
C. F. Towle,	1 00
J. W. Towle,	4 69
J. Chamberlain,	12 00
J. H. Ham,	10 10
P. C. Ham,	4 10
J. B. Witham,	15 20
C. C. Foster,	3 30
H. F. Mussey,	5 03
J. R. Holmes,	3 20
T. H. Canney,	11 70
J. C. Libbey,	12 84
G. H. Leighton,	12 00
J. Leighton,	12 50

Paid J. Q. Bennett,	19 78
S. F. Evans,	24 70
J. Brooks,	28 15
D. Stevens,	12 28
D. Hayes,	16 20
F. P. Howe,	7 14
J. B. Young,	11 23
J. Y. Berry,	15 40
H. Stevens,	6 60
B. Canney,	13 61
D. Burnham,	12 65
G. A. Corson,	5 35
O. B. Coburn,	9 50
A. S. Willey,	2 00
F. Hayes,	2 55
Mary A. P. Hayes,	2 30
R. W. Willey,	11 30
F. W. Coburn,	6 46
R. Miller,	6 30
J. A. Miller,	2 40
R. R. Miller,	5 20
e y,	67
Hiram W. Edgerly,	3 70
I. T. Libbey,	15 37
Eben E. Berry, in 1873-4	5 95
Total,	<hr/> \$1408 62

Paupers.

Paid Sylvester French,	12 70
Fannie B. Young,	10 00
A. Colomy,	3 00
Moses Davis,	20 00
Joseph Tebbetts,	7 00
R. B. Foss, medical aid to Mrs Albert Corson,	13 00
Joseph Tebbetts,	11 00
R. B. Foss, medical aid to Frank S. Dodge,	2 00
R. B. Foss, medical aid to Mrs A. Corson,	13 00
Fannie B. Young,	10 00
Joseph Tebbetts,	5 50
"	3 00
"	2 00
Moses Davis,	35 00
Sylvester French,	20 00
Joseph Tebbetts,	2 00
Lizzie F. Runnals,	12 50
Dr. H C Coburn, medical aid to Lizzie F Runnals,	4 00
John and Edwin Runnals,	31 00
Moses Davis,	30 00
Hannah Woodman,	3 00

Joseph Tebbetts,	15 00
"	2 00
J L Swinerton, medical aid to Mrs Jackson,	12 50
G N Wallace,	15 67
John Bartlett,	6 75
"	1 00
"	2 00
Joseph Tebbetts,	10 00
G N Wallace,	27 00
C W Perkins, medical aid to Colomy child,	7 50
C W Perkins, medical aid to John Bartlett,	24 00
C W Perkins, medical aid to John S Runna's' child,	4 00
G N Wallace,	12 00
Charles H Bracket,	16 03
Joseph Tebbetts,	26 00
C H Bracket,	42 66
John Bartlett,	6 00
A Colomy,	3 00
G N Wallace,	5 00
C W Perkins, medical aid to A Colomy's Family,	21 25
C W Perkins, medical aid to John Bartlett,	5 00
C W Perkins, medical aid to John Runnals' children,	20 00
Joseph Tebbetts,	3 00
A Colomy,	43 78
Frank S. Dodge,	17 00
John Bartlett,	20 45
P H Wheeler, medical aid to Mrs Stowell,	6 25
Letta and Mary Edgerly,	117 00
C H Bracket,	11 00

Lawsuits.

Paid S M Wheeler, legal services in 1872-3,	238 76
S W Joy, preparing evidence in Boody case,	7 50
J S Colbath, " "	2 00
T J Smith, " "	13 00
S W Joy, " "	2 00
J S Colbath, " "	2 00
Stephen Pinkham, witness fees in Brooks case,	1 65
S Dame, " "	1 65
J L Jones, " "	1 80
E Jenkins, " "	1 80
D P Jones, " "	1 80
C H Dearborn, " "	2 80
E K Roberts, " "	1 65
S F Evans, " "	1 80
E Roberts, " "	3 65
D Watson, " "	1 80
J Q Bennett, " "	1 80
J B Young, " "	1 80
Mrs F P Howe, " "	1 65

Paid G H Leighton,	"	"	1 80
F H Libbey,	"	"	1 32
Mrs T N Davis, witness in Nutter case,			77
A I Davis,	"	"	77
B B Tibbetts,	"	"	77
A B Tibbetts,	"	"	77
J B Davis,	"	"	77
Mrs R M Davis,	"	"	77
J F Tash,	"	"	90
Mrs A Tash,	"	"	90
Mrs H Berry,	"	"	90
H Berry,	"	"	90
E H Berry	"	"	77
E E Berry,	"	"	1 00
M Berry,	"	"	77
J Davis,	"	"	77
I S Ricker,	"	"	1 00
Edwin E Berry,	"	"	77
W W Pinkham,	"	"	77
M Randall,	"	"	77
J S Colbath,	"	"	90
W E Berry,	"	"	1 00
I P Berry,	"	"	77
S W Joy, witness in Boody case, time and fare to Dover,			3 50
H W Edgerly	"	"	3 50
J A Miller,	"	"	3 50
C Bickford,	"	"	3 50
C Bickford, 1 day before the Solicitor in Boody case in 1872,			3 25
F. W. Coburn expenses in C. Jackson case,			3 84
Arresting G. F. Jones, time and fare to Farmington,			2 50
Eben E. Berry, witness fees in Nutter case in 1873,			6 00
Eben E. Berry, arresting and summoning witnesses in G. F. Jones case (for the town) for violation of the liquor law,			11 41
Parker Knowles, for witness fees in G. F. Jones case,			1 25
B. A. Ricker	"	"	1 25
George Rock,	"	"	1 25
Frank Hobbs, services in Brooks case,			30 00
G N Eastman,	"	" and Tibbetts case,	87 51
J W Currier, legal services in 1872-3-4,			14 00
I P Berry, summoning witnesses in Nutter case,			3 50
"	"	" Brooks case	6 00
"	"	car fare to Dover	1 50
Total,			\$498 80

Notes and Interest.

Paid Jonathan McDuffee, interest,	171 72
Abigail Stanton,	18 24
W Langley,	328 55
J A Fletcher, endorsement,	80 00
N Stevens,	900 00

S H Kimball,	interest,	88 58
Ezekiel H Berry,	"	141 37
" "	endorsement,	98 63
A Gooch,	interest,	348 51
Lydia A Randall,	note and interest,	113 67
A R Price, interest on O T Barker and L R Davis note,		402 41
N Stevens,	endorsement,	3500 00
Amos R Price,	note and interest,	565 55
Emma A Ricker,	interest,	45 81
R Rowe,	note and interest,	654 12
M A Chesley,	"	24 00
C A L M D Hayes,	"	60 79
C Hayes,	"	105 00
Martha A Berry,	part of principal and interest,	46 82
Ezekiel H Berry,	endorsement,	85 00
N Stevens,	interest,	438 97
W Chamberlin	"	29 20
Abigail Stanton,	endorsement,	50,00
E A Ricker,	"	75 00
J A Fletcher,	note and interest,	137 87
Abigail Stanton,	" "	96 03
C A L M D Hayes,	" "	332 52
" "	" "	537 59
Emma A Ricker,	part of note and interest,	113 53
Nathaniel Stevens,	" "	4746 68
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		\$14,336 16

Town Officers Bills.

Paid C C Foster, services as Superintending School Committee,	\$45 00
George F Jones, services as Town Clerk,	43 85
George Bickford, services as Selectman, 32 1-2 days doing town business,	65 00
1 day dis. surveyor's list in 2d division,	2 00
1-2 day at Dover settling Wheeler's bill,	2 50
Twice to Farmington in Brooks' case,	2 80
1 day at Great Falls in Nutter case,	3 30
3-4 day with Copeland to see witnesses,	1 50
3 days at town house preparing evidence in Boody case,	6 00
4 days at town house, Brooks & Nutter case,	8 00
1 day at Farmington in Ham case,	2 00
1 day at hearing and locating new road,	2 00
1-2 day at Dover in Boody case,	2 50
" " Nutter case,	2 50
" Farmington, Brooks case,	1 40
1 day at Dover in Boody case,	3 50
" " Nutter case,	3 50
" " Brooks & Nutter do,	3 50
Elihu Hayes, services as Selectman, 33-1-4 days doing town business,	66 50

Elihu Hayes, services as Overseer of Poor,	25 00
H G Chamberlin, services as Selectman,	
32 1-2 days doing town business,	65 00
Copying invoice book,	5 00
I P Berry, services as Collector,	120 00
“ “ Treasurer,	25 00
Total,	<hr/> \$507 35

Paupers Bills.

Z S Runnals children,	27 64
Mrs A J Walker,	10 00
“ J S Runnals,	5 00
A Colomy,	1 50
B Nute	5 80
J R Runnals' Family,	19 28
A Colomy,	26 88
J Bartlett,	18 68
A Colomy's Family,	5 00
“	3 75
Emery Howard,	18 12
Mrs A J Walker,	33 23
John V Burmal,	4 43
Edward E Burmal,	442
Moses Davis,	14 50
D T Parker, medical aid to Betsy Corson,	9 00
“ “ Mary E Howard's child,	1 00
“ “ Alfred Willey's Family,	39 87
“ “ Francena Runnals,	5 25
“ “ Caroline Crockett,	2 00
“ “ John Bartlett's Wife,	3 00
“ “ Howard Family,	39 88
Parker Knowles,	8 50
E B Nute	19 28
Eunice Horn,	78 00
John S Runnals,	6 29
Sylvester French,	65 20
Total,	<hr/> \$1247 12

Miscellaneous Bills.

Charles E Runnals, Auditor,	30 0
J S Colbath, Error in Bill,	1 00
I P Berry, Paying note at Gilmanton,	1 00
Hiram Brackett, Stove and cartage,	1 50
M H Chesley Services as Police, for 1872 and 1873,	4 00
J B Page, Printing Report and Express fees,	31 80
P M Runnals, Services as Police,	2 00
J B Witham, Services as Police Officer,	4 00
Heirs of J B Chamberlin, Land Damages,	20 00
J M Boody, Land Damages,	12 00

J Elkins, Land Damages,	200 00
C Bickford, Shingles,	21 00
E H Berry, one day's work on T House,	2 25
J A Rollins, Bounty on wild cat.	1 00
J A Fletcher, School House Tax,	400 00
C Crockett, Sawing wood for T House,	75
I P Berry, Auditor,	3 00
E J Lane, & Co Stationery,	20 13
- " " " "	85
F W Coburn, Services as Police Officer in 1872-3-4,	6 00
G F Jones, Stationery for Selectmen and town clerk,	9 41
G F Jones, Wire for stove Funnel, at T House,	45
Elihu Hayes, Bill put into last year's report but not paid last year,	17 05
I P Berry paying note out of town,	4 00
" State and county Tax,	5 45
" Hiring money at Manchester,	475
" Repairing T House,	8 20
Eben E Berry, Services as Police Officer,	7 00
Hiram Barker Glass and nails for T House,	4 13
C R Runnals, two days work on T House,	4 00
John Barry, " "	6 00
Total	<hr/> \$819 92

Abatements.

J Brooks, for 1873,	\$17 29
M H Chesley, on horse, 1873,	7 21
M L Hayes, 1874,	42 61
John Edgerly, on cow, 1874,	1 38
B C Perkins,	19 75
J H Downing & Co., taxed twice in 1873 for Oak lot,	29 64
A Colomy, 1874,	13
Betsey and Eunice Mitchell, 1874,	7 31
Ziza Evans, (over 70) 1874,	3 95
Downing Miller, 1874,	4 99
Hiram Barker, 1874,	7 89
J H Hurd and Meserve, 1874,	3 16
Owners unknown, formerly taxed to G W Perry, 1874	1 97
G W Stevens, 1874,	17 73
Elwin E. Berry, 1873,	7 41
Joseph Glidden,	1 32
C W Perkins,	4 94
George A Perkins,	4 94
Boston & Maine R R Co.,	5 64
John Shirley,	4 94
Uriah Johnson, 1874,	66
Charles E Runnals,	3 55
Total,	<hr/> \$198 41

Liabilities of the Town.

Paid March 1, 1875, notes and interest,	35,050 57
Outstanding bills by estimation,	200 00
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	\$35,250 57

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$369 44
Uncollected taxes on Collector's book of 1873,	585 21
Uncollected taxes on Collector's book of 1874,	3,915 15
Uncollected taxes on P. C. Ham's Collector's book,	395 75
James Canney's note and interest, dated March 5, 1852,	30 69
Joseph MBoody's note and interest, dated March 5, 1867,	49 22
P. C. Ham's note and interest, dated Apr. 15, 1870,	531 40
Richard Miller's note and interest. dated May 16, 1870,	160 90
Ira S. Ricker's note and interest, dated Feb. 1, 1871,	95 10
J. H. Downing & Co's, note and interest, dated March 1, 1872,	420 39
Joseph Y. Berry's note and interest, dated March 1, 1872,	65 18
Lewis R. Sumner's note and interest, dated March 1, 1872,	8 59
J. S. Colbath's note held as cash by Treasurer.	200 00
J. H. Downing & Co's. note held as cash by Treas- urer,	67 75
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Liabilities,	\$6,894 77
	35,250 57
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Balance after deducting assets,	\$28,355 80
Deducting Government assignments,	2,972 00
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Which leaves,	\$25,383 80
Amount of town debt, March 1, 1874, 25,	407 93

Decrease of debt,	24 13
Actual indebtedness March 1, 1874,	28,355 80

The foregoing is a true statement of the Town Accounts as kept by us for the year 1874.

ICHABOD P. BERRY,	<i>Town Treasurer,</i>
GEORGE BICKFORD,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>New Durham.</i>
ELIHU HAYES,	
H. G. CHAMBERLIN,	

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

EZEKIEL H. BERRY,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
CHARLES E. RUNNALS.	

February 26, 1875

Superintendent's Report

—OF—

Public Schools in the Town of New Durham

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1875.

	No. of District.	Summer and Winter.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of weeks school.		Whole No. Scholars.		Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Bookkeeping.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending school.	No in District between 14 and 21 that cannot read or write.
				No.	of	No.	of											
1	S		Miss Mary L. Jenkins	11	8	8	8	4	6	2	4				3	3		
2	S		Miss Velzora Copp	10	22	20	20	7	16	12	6	2	6	2			1	
2	W		Miss Velzora Copp	10	22	21	21	2	18	10	8	1	8	1			1	
3	W		Miss Mary L. Jenkins	12	10	10	10	4	8	6	4		4		4	2		
4	S		Miss Laura A. Hayes	6	13	13	13	6	9	5	4		4					
4	W		Miss Laura A. Hayes	7	17	17	17	2	13	6	5		5	1		4		
5	S		Mrs. Augusta Ross															
5	W		Mr. Charles Ham	10	46	49	49	20	30	8	3		3	1				
6	S		Miss Georgianna Berry	5	23	23	23	10	13	10	6		6	1				
6	W		" " "	9	24	24	24		13	10	8		8				1	
7	S		Mrs. Lizzie L. C. Davis	11	9	9	9	4	7	1								
8	S		Miss Lizzie A. Warren	9	9	10	10	6	6	3								
9	S		Miss Ida A Buzzell	13	25	25	25	16	15	4				1				
10	S		Miss E. A. Waldron	7	6	6	6	4	4	2			2					
11	S		Miss Livonia Sumner	9	14	12	12	4	8	1			1					
12																		
13	S		Miss Ida M. Orne	14	22	22	22	16	17	9	5		5			2	2	
14	S		Miss Emma Varney	9	14	14	14	3	10	1			3					
14	W		Miss Ida McKeen	8	6	5	5	1	4				1					

Selectmens' Report.

GENTLEMEN:—In laying before you a statement of the financial affairs of the town up to March 1, 1875, we respectfully call your attention to the extra expense incurred this year in defending three lawsuits, the Boody case, paying land damage for a new road, and an unusual amount of pauperism.

In the following report we place before you the exact indebtedness of the town and the assets in full. By referring to the reports of 1872-3, you will notice in the assets "Government assignments, 3100." Of this sum the town has received \$128, and the State Treasurer stated, that as these assignments had been dropped from the assets of the State, we probably should not receive anything more from them; therefore the assets are reduced \$2972 from the amounts reported in 1872-3.

By hiring money at 6 per cent. and paying off notes bearing a higher rate, some at 7 3-10 and 8 per cent., the amount of interest which the town must annually pay, has been reduced \$278.72. The amount of notes and interest up to March 1, 1875, held against the town, bearing 7 per cent. interest, is \$7350.79. The amount bearing 6 per cent. is \$27,899.78. Of the above amount, \$9394.02 is due to persons residing in town.

As soon as a sufficient amount of money has been received by the Treasurer, it has been used to pay notes; therefore no large amount has been in the hands of the Treasurer at any one time.

Some apprehension has been expressed in relation to the security given by the Treasurer and Collector. The security given is his bank book for \$1300, a deed of his farm, a note he holds against the town for \$200, and his personal bond for \$10,000. He has not held at any one time money enough to cover the value of his farm, bank

book and notes; *we apprehended no danger of his absconding with the uncollected taxes!*

The Selectmen were petitioned to lay out a new highway, to avoid the hill near the dwelling house of Mr. John Elkins. A hearing was appointed, and after mature consideration it was decided to lay out the road, providing the petitioners would agree to build it, which they subsequently did, and the road was laid out and is now nearly finished.

The land damages cost \$232. The cost of building the road must have been (to the petitioners) nearly equal to the land damages, which shows that the road was really needed. We laid the road out as a matter of economy to the town and justice to the public. It is estimated that the difference in the cost of keeping in repair the new and old highway, will much more than pay the interest on the money it cost the town. The hill avoided is very steep and ledgy, making a treacherous foothold for a team and very expensive to keep in repair. It is also crossed at right angles on the face of the hill by another road, making it dangerous turning the corners.

Your attention is called to the large number of culverts in town covered with plank, that require renewing every three or four years, at great expense. These culverts should be covered with stone, which will be a permanent saving to the town, as it frequently happens that a surveyor has to go four or five miles to get a single plank to replace a broken one in a culvert, costing more for the team than the plank.

The Nutter and Brooks cases were tried before a referee appointed by the Court, and we regret to inform you that the town lost both cases. In the Brooks case arrangements were made to make the decision of the referee final, but subsequently our counsel informed the parties that the selectmen could not fairly bind the town in such cases. It remains for you to decide whether these cases shall be settled according to the decisions of the referee or by a jury. We believe that injustice both cases should have been given in favor of the town. Should you abide by the decision of the referee, all the money expended on them will be thrown away, and every man, drunk

or sober, who damages his team by reckless driving, will claim damages.

The Selectmen were notified to meet the Attorney General, Solicitor, Boody and his counsel, at Dover, Feb. 5, 1875, with the Town Treasurer and Collector who served with Mr. Boody. Messrs. J. S. Colbath, H. W. Edgerly and S. W. Joy (the old committee) were requested by the Selectmen to be present. It was agreed upon at that time to submit the case to Judge Sawyer of Nashua, as referee.

Mr. Boody agreed to give bonds in the sum of \$2000, acceptable to the Selectmen. The bonds were subsequently made and signed by C. H. Boody, Samuel R. Perkins and Zachariah Boody, and sent here to be signed by the Selectmen, but being of the opinion that we had no authority to bind the town in the case we returned the bond to the solicitor, to be held by him until after town meeting,—having inserted an article in the warrant to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sign the agreement. While investigating the Boody case, the solicitor gave it as his opinion that the order for fifty dollars on H. W. Edgerly as Treasurer by C. H. Boody in 1870, could be collected of the town.

Mr. George F. Jones was arrested by F. W. Coburn for the illegal sale of spirituous liquors, but there was not sufficient evidence to make out a case. Mr. Jones was subsequently complained of, and the case heard at Farmington, but the writ being illegally made, the case was dropped; then papers were immediately made out for his re-arrest on the same complaint, but the next day Mr. Jones notified the selectmen that he had abandoned the sale of spirituous liquors, having notified his customers to that effect. This being all the town could claim of him, the action was dropped.

The Ham note was sued by order of one of the signers, and the property of Nathaniel Ham was attached to secure the payment of the same. It will probably be settled without further cost.

Report---Remarks.

DISTRICT No. 1. This district had but one term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Jenkins.

Of this school too much cannot be said in praise. Miss Jenkins seems to have added to fine native faculties, the best normal training, and brings to the work long experience and whole-hearted devotion. In teaching, she goes into the philosophy or foundation thoughts of every subject handled, and drills her scholars faithfully in the habit of doing so for themselves. In this school she had an advanced class of scholars, hence fine material to work upon, and the result was valuable.

No. 2. Both Summer and Winter terms, of ten weeks each, were taught by Miss Velzora Copp of Barnstead.

Miss Copp was young and without previous experience, yet proved herself to have many excellencies as a teacher. She inspires her scholars with very much of her own affectionate, refined, diligent spirit,—still, a little more self-confident strength would enable her to drill her school much more efficiently.

No. 3. This district had but one term, a Winter term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Jenkins. Suffice it to say, she honors herself as truly by her success in a mixed school, as in one of advanced scholars.

No. 4. In this district there were two terms of six and seven weeks respectively, taught by Miss Laura Hayes.

This was Miss Hayes' first experience and at the start your Committee had many misgivings, but all these were mostly happily disappointed, and the school showed a six weeks' work that would be hard to excel. Of the Winter term we cannot speak assuredly, as mistaking its length and receiving no notice of its close, it was visited but once. There is, however, reason to suppose it was equally good.

No. 5. The Summer term was taught by Mrs. Ross, who had already established a high reputation among us as a teacher. The term was cut short somewhat by the sickness of the teacher, who has since died. It received

no closing visit but one or two informal ones. These seemed fully to justify her former good name.

Mrs. Ross was one of our very best teachers, and in her death the cause of education meets a loss hard to be repaired.

The Winter term of———weeks was taught by Mr. Charles Ham. He, too, is no stranger to our shools, and we shall be sorry to miss him from them in the future, though glad if he may gain by the change.

His schools need to be seen to be understood. The instant and constant control which he holds of the entire attention and activities of his scholars, is something both remarkable and valuable. His means, an easy natural severity inclined to sarcasm, yet sufficiently toned by kindness, so that, while the smallest trust him like a father, none dare speak without thinking. This weeded the school of a few, probably for its good, for the last visit fully justified the high anticipations raised by the first, and in the improvement shown we think this school could have been excelled by none of his former ones. His special excellencies are first, he is an excellent drill-master; second, he *teaches reading*.

No. 6. Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Georgiana Berry, and were of the length of five and nine weeks respectively.

The first term received no closing visit, as your committee was misinformed as to the time of its close, and went by his information; but the second term was visited in order. Miss Berry has taught here before. Considering her lack of other experience and that this is in her home district, which is usually thought to be unfavorable, we think her degree of success to be highly gratifying. She is a faithful, affectionate and very conscientious teacher; perhaps the order a little free, but yet in a style of her own, she spares nothing to its maintenance. If, however, she had in her nature a spice more of quiet, unsought severity, it would throw more of the burden where it ought to be, on the school. There was an item of trouble during the second term, but by the assistance of advice only, it was promptly settled to the apparent satisfaction of all. There was much faithful work done

by teacher and scholars, and the results appeared.

No. 7. This district also had but one term of school of eleven weeks, taught by Mrs. Lizzie L. C. Davis. The school is small and rather backward, but they have had at least one faithful and thoroughly capable teacher; and if the backward districts in the town could be prevailed upon to "pass her around," or hire teachers of her grade, it would soon report itself. I noticed that some of the smaller ones had not escaped from that sadly common fault of monotonous and unnatural reading, apparently originating with the telling of little words to primer scholars. It is but one word, and the intonation isn't minded, but the little one copies fault and all. Aside from these one or two instances, her school did unspotted honor to her wise, faithful and whole-hearted diligence.

No. 8. This district also has had but one term of school of nine weeks, taught by Miss Lizzie Warren of Farmington.

Miss Warren keeps good order, apparently with perfect ease, hears the lessons regularly; the scholars are kind, and everything sunny; yet there seemed to your Committee an almost total lack of that thorough philosophical drill so necessary to the highest success of schools; and as usual, this appeared nowhere more than in reading.

No. 9. There has been in the district for the last year but one term of school, keeping, however, thirteen weeks, and taught by Miss Ida Buzzell of Newfield, Me.

This was her second school, yet it started hopefully. The district had just built a good and beautiful school house, having that oft neglected addition, a nice playground.—Parents seemed pleased and teacher hopeful and enthusiastic. Coming there midway the term. I found complications and unpleasantness—the teacher half discouraged and the school well-nigh broken to pieces. After the best available encouragement and general redirection she was assured of ready sympathy and left to work it out. The final examination showed that she had rallied in earnest, gathered up the reins and carried the school through with good degree of honor to herself. Of course not all was done that could be desired, for the school needs much, but very well for the circumstances.

I fear parental injudiciousness injures this school.

No. 10. This school is very small, and had but one term of seven weeks, taught by Miss E. A. Waldron.—Indeed, she has taught here so long that the present standing of the school is mostly her work, and it does her substantial honor. Some monotonous reading on the part of some new comers seemed insufficiently attended to; also the subject of Grammatical Analysis, though parsing largely took its place. Aside from these the school bore strong testimony to the wisdom of her continued employment.

No. 11. There was one term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Livonia Sumner. The school seems very backward indeed, and needs a higher grade of teachers than it has—who will cost more and be worth more. Our State Normal school should be more fully patronized. For want of this or kindred drill, Miss Sumner cannot benefit a school as she otherwise might, for she works well and has some good native qualifications. She did her very best here, and much that was good, but more and different was needed.

No. 12. Has had no school this year.

No. 13. Had one term of thirteen weeks, taught by Miss Ida Orne of Wolfeborough. It was a highly successful and useful school, in spirit, I should think; of disadvantages from without. Miss Orne has a peculiar talent, and is a natural teacher. The entire control which she has over her whole school seemingly in all their feelings, at least in their activity, is something wonderful.—Teacher and scholars seem to be animated by but one purpose, and that a whole purpose, and their advance is correspondingly rapid. Then it is far from superficial, for though she has had no special normal training, she has a good native idea of drill and is constant at it, and evidently loves her work with whole-souled devotion.—She is one whom it would pay well to educate highly.

No. 14. This school is now small, and as a whole not advanced. The summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Emma Varney of Alton. This was only her second school, yet she showed herself a fine natural teacher, and I am convinced that her good qualities would show

themselves more notably in a larger and harder school; for she handles whatever she takes hold of thoroughly and has great force of character. Such ought through the Normal school to go a step higher.

The Winter term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Ida McKeen. This was her first experience. The first visit seemed to give good promise, but bad weather and travelling prevented the second visit, so that nothing certain can be reported. Then, too, there were but few prudential committee in town who seemed to know their duty to give notice to the Superintendent of the beginning and close of the schools. This obliges him to watch for each school at quite a disadvantage, and sometimes they elude his most vigilant inquiries.

The schools in town for the past year have, in the judgment of your committee, attained a good average of success and usefulness, yet there is much need of their general elevation. This cannot properly be reformed at once by the simple will of one person. At present, committees and the public generally expect and desire that the superintendent shall pass as teachers some persons who never ought to pass. If by co-operation the standard of demand can be healthfully raised, our schools would immediately feel its benefit. Districts will ever be slow to see this while we have so little money for schools. The idea of present cheapness will be very tempting. It would be well if our State did more in this direction, but as that is far off, may we not as a town look for the day of higher attempts educationally? Indebted we may be, but do we not owe a different sort of debt to our little ones, which it becomes us as generous and far-sighted men to meet?

Your Committee thought it well to make a change in the text-books on Arithmetic from Greenleaf's old to his new series, which change has been effected and it is hoped will result in good.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. FOSTER, *Supt. of Schools in New Durham.*

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